LSTA Grant Projects – Funding from Federal FY 2006
(To be spent in State FY 2007 – July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007)

I. Competitive Grants

MAXIMIZING SERVICE IN THE ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENT   - $590,000

Technology Ladder
Provide a comprehensive technology enhancement grant that will help libraries improve their computer security, network performance, and provide reasonable computer resources to their patrons.

Website Makeover
Grants to public libraries to develop or redesign a website for more effective service delivery. Required to be ADA compliant, contain a Translation Link, and link to State Resources. Library required to plan maintenance and upgrades.

Assistive Technology
Adaptive Technology for libraries to better equip themselves to meet the needs of patrons with special needs.

Digital Imaging: Tracks I, II, and III
These grants are designed to focus on digitization of historical materials in significant areas of Missouri history, in themes such as The Westward Movement, or Rivers, Railroads, and Route 66. The grants are restricted to projects that involve primary source materials. Track 1 grants provide funding for libraries just beginning to work with digital imaging projects; Track II grants fund demonstration projects exhibiting best practices; Track III grants allow libraries to add item-level metadata to existing digital collections.

Retrospective Conversion/Library Automation
Convert card catalogs or other paper inventories into electronic format (MARC records), which is basis for libraries to display their holdings in union Catalogs such as the Missouri Group Catalog. Facilitates greater resource sharing among institutions. Assist libraries with implementation of local automation systems.

SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE - $185,000

Training and Professional Development
Grants for libraries to contract with a trainer(s) to come to their library and conduct a workshop or series of workshops with library staff or trustees to gain in-depth knowledge on topics focused on a specific need, for a period of one half (1/2) to two (2) days.

Show-Me Steps to Career Development
Provide financial assistance for Missouri library personnel and public library trustee to participate in continuing education and training opportunities, with some match of funds by local institutions.

Additional Staff Projects
Funds for contracted training and other projects planned by staff as needs and opportunities arise.

SERVING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY - $330,000

Youth Services
    After School Connections
Develop a series of after school programs for youth in grades four through ten who do not traditionally visit the library. Projects can encourage reading and writing activities; provide homework help; introduce youth to library technology; offer volunteer opportunities; showcase topics in the library collection; or offer other activities deemed eligible by the State Library.
    Teen Spaces Grants
Grants allow public libraries to develop unique places for teens within the library facility to attract more teen users to the library.
    Summer Library Program Grants
Provide libraries with additional funds to expand opportunities for children to improve their reading skills, enrich children's summer learning experiences, and enhance opportunities for libraries to reach unserved summer populations.

Literacy
    Learning Express
License for database of various standardized tests that can be used as practice to increase scores when taking the tests. Practice tests can be taken from library computers and from computers outside the library.

Senior Services -
    Services for Seniors Grants
Grant funding will be provided in two areas: Senior Fairs, and general programs for seniors. The senior fair grants will provide funds to plan and host senior information fairs, the goals of which will be to attract new senior audiences to the library, introduce older adults to the resources available through the library, and encourage partnerships between the library and senior-serving agencies in the community. The general program grants provide funds to plan and implement a minimum of four program events for mature adults. There are no restrictions on the types of programs or topics for programs except that they are appropriate to the audience.

LIBRARIES AS INNOVATORS - $210,000

Cooperation Grants
This category will allow libraries to try out new and different ideas, in cooperation with library and community partners. Several areas will be designated as priorities, such as: Partnerships between school libraries and Senior Centers; Projects designed for Underserved Groups; Partnerships between libraries and medical programs as an educational role; or other great ideas that involve all types of libraries partnering together or with other community/state agencies.

Bring in an Expert
Intended to help libraries secure the services of qualified consultants, professional librarians, technology experts, planners, marketing firms, interior designers, child development specialists, or other experts with a skill or knowledge that would benefit the library's administration, staff, or patrons.

Planning and Standards
Provides assistance to libraries of all types to develop and write policies and service plans for purposes of bringing the applicant library into compliance with accepted standards and best practices.

Collections for Diverse Readers
A need exists for public libraries to better manage their fiction collections. A pilot project providing the electronic database *NoveList* began in 2003 to do so, and we propose LSTA funds to continue the program for the 30 small to medium sized libraries currently involved. Libraries receive access to the database at no cost the first year of their participation, and then pay a portion of the cost, increasing each year, for the following years.

Programs:
Spotlight on Library Programs / Genre Forums
For Spotlight grants, funds may be used to cover the costs for planning and implementing the event. In addition, the Videoconferencing network will be used to provide two Genre Forums in FY2007 with links to two additional libraries.

II. LSTA Statewide Projects:

MAXIMIZING SERVICE IN THE ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENT - $470,000

Virtually Missouri - $110,000
This project provides a website portal and search capability to digitized items from a variety of Missouri libraries and cultural institutions. Budget includes $33,500 to support a statewide planning committee, 5 technical workshops, 6 regional outreach meetings, and promotion of the project and $76,500 for database processing and website hosting.

Show-Me the World - $360,000

This provides an integrated set of electronic services to facilitate resource sharing by public libraries. Funds are used to provide a statewide license for Interlibrary Loan and the Missouri Group Catalog; services fees for CatExpress cataloging; technical support, and access for users to searching a 1 billion record database of library materials.

SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE - $191,600

Skills Institutes - $60,000

The Skills Institutes are designed to deliver 19 hours of instruction on two levels: basic and advanced. The basic course is a series of sessions covering a range of library skills focused on public libraries in Missouri. Participants in the advanced series select one of two advanced courses each Institute. The entire curriculum of the institute includes 9 courses. Participants also receive different levels of recognition certificates based on the number of courses completed. The Institute is offered in February and August. Attendance numbers 70-90.

Grantsmanship Workshops - $5,000

Workshops on grant proposal writing and grant administration to 5 regional areas.

Library Ambassadors Workshop Series - $23,600

Series of regional one-day workshops designed to support library staff to best represent their library system while working on community projects.

Trustee Academy Workshops - $25,000

Training for library governing boards will stress relationships between board and administration, advocacy, and the role of boards in securing funding for their libraries.

No Limits Learning - $12,000

Enhance the current statewide training efforts by offering a variety of continuing education opportunities through online tutorials, desktop Web casts, blended cohort learning, and videoconference. The goal is to deliver effective training with a broad range of accessibility to library staff.

Centra Licenses - $6,000

This grant provides desktop deliverable training software to allow online instructor-led synchronous training for library staff.

Scholarships - $60,000

Scholarship program is for students pursuing a master's degree in library science or school library media certification. These scholarships are open to students attending Missouri academic

institutions and are limited to tuition costs and academic fees. The program requires the recipient to work in a publicly funded library upon graduation.

SERVING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY   - $459,761

Youth Services -

Teen Spaces Workshops - $11,250
Workshops focus on practical methods and strategies library staff can use to create, update or add to library space designed uniquely for use by teens. Attendees of the workshops will have the opportunity to apply for "Teen Spaces" grants.

Summer Library Program Workshops - $31,400
Provide libraries with workshops to expand opportunities for children to improve their reading skills, enrich children's summer learning experiences, and enhance opportunities for libraries to reach unserved summer populations.

Literacy -

Capacity Building for Library
And Local Literacy Organizations - $45,000
Focus on creating web-based tools and resources for libraries and literacy organizations, providing customized literacy training and technical assistance, and coordinating the collaborative partnerships necessary for success.

Literacy Training for Library Staff - $45,000
Customized family literacy-related training for Missouri's libraries staff members utilizing the State Library's training infrastructure.

Bilingual Story Hour Workshops - $6,000
Provide services for this special population family literacy is a key component of services to the immigrant population.

Spanish That Works - $19,200
Course for group trainings based around a core vocabulary of library things (books in Spanish, videos for children, music CD's), library places (circulation desk, computer area, bathroom), and library actions (check-out, return, sign-in).

Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) Yr 2 - $75,051
This project will provide "Every Child Ready to Read" training for public library staff and their community partners. Libraries willing to commit to participate in the training, to provide parent workshops, and to increase literacy practices and programs with partners and in their libraries will be eligible to apply for grant funds. These funds can be used to cover the costs for Every Child Ready to Read training kits and other eligible program costs.

Library-based Literacy Study Groups - $40,000
These grants will assist libraries with establishing organized adult study groups around a GED Online curriculum produced by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or around materials and curriculum developed by the Kentucky Public Television program, which are available free to Missouri residents.

Services for People with Special Needs -
    Partnerships for Mental Health – $20,000
    The Department of Mental Health will promote use of public libraries as an important resource in skills development and self-determination among persons with developmental disabilities and their advocates; Assist local public libraries in offering library programs and services for persons with special needs.

    Wolfner Library Services - $166,860
    Provides circulation services and materials for persons with physical difficulties in using print.

LIBRARIES AS INNOVATORS   - $660,346

Continuing Education Committee - $7,500
Meeting involves statewide representation of library staff for continuing education issues facing library staff.

Library Development - $652,846
Consulting to libraries, management of statewide projects, publications, and statistical support.